

Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA.—You have stated in your answer that there is no scheme in P.W.D. for contour bunding. May I know whether this scheme is working in North Canara?

†Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—We have said that this work is not executed by the P.W.D. It is executed under the Agricultural Department.

Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA.—Will not contour-bunding and silt-trap works help a great deal to see that further silting is arrested and curtailed?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—The objects of silt-trap work and contour bunding are slightly different. Silt trap works are done by the P.W.D. to see that tanks are not silted and silt is arrested and if any information is required in the silt-trap programme, I will welcome the same.

Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA.—Is it not a fact that as between silt-trap work and contour bunding, contour-bunding is more important for curtailment further silting in the tanks?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Contour bunding is taken up by the Agricultural Department in accordance with the policies of that department. Silt-trap work is undertaken under the minor irrigation scheme by the Government in the P.W.D.

Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA.—May I know in how many districts this contour bunding is taken up by the Agricultural Department?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Bellary, some part of North Karnatak. If there are any places wherein this contour bunding helps the raiyats, nothing prevents the Hon'ble Member to approach the Government and inform them. Government will take such action as is necessary.

Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA.—Why not take up some in Bangalore District?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—It is a suggestion for action and Government will consider it.

9-30 A.M.

Free Education to the Children of Persons whose Income is less than Rs. 1,200 per year.

***Q.—418. Sri F. H. MOHSIN (Hubli).**—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is a fact that they have taken a decision that children of persons whose annual income is Rs. 1,200 or less per annum will be given free education both in Secondary and College stage;

(b) whether this will be applicable to students studying in private institutions also;

(c) whether they intend to reimburse the loss of fees incurred by those institutions?

A.—Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI (Minister for Education).—

(a) Yes, for Secondary Education only and not with regard to College Education.

(b) Yes, in all institutions where rates of fees approved by Government are charged.

(c) Yes.

Mr. SPEAKER.—(Addressing Sri F. H. Mohsin) This subject was sufficiently discussed yesterday. Question time is over.

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(but not taken up)

Establishment of Low Shaft Furnaces.

***Q.—266. Sri R. NAGAN GOWDA (Hospet).**—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have seen reports in papers *vide* "Hindu" of 10th Dak Edition) that the Government of Madras have invited four East German Technical experts to conduct investigations regarding quality of Iron ore available and select methods of mining;